

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF HOT ROLLED COILS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Anti-Dumping Directorate had rejected the petition submitted by the HR Coil producers since it did not justify even the initiation of Anti-Dumping proceedings;
- (b) if so, the justification on the part of the Government for by-passing the Anti-Dumping Directorate, while imposing the Non-tariff barriers on the imports of HR Coils and other steel products vide DGFT Notification No. 44 dated November 14, 1999; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to delete the Iron and Steel product from DGFT Notification No. 44 and to issue import licences to the actual users for the import of HR Coils ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) :The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) had recommended imposition of anti-dumping duty against import of HR Coils from Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine on 18.11.98 and the duty was imposed by the Central Government on 27.11.98. Another application was received in 1999 against imports of HR Coils from South Korea, South Africa, Japan, China & Australia but the case was not initiated since it was not a fully documented petition and sufficient evidence of dumping of the foreign goods, injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the two could not be established.
- (b) & (c) : Import of 131 items in India has been made subject to mandatory compliance of Quality Standards as specified by Bureau of Indian Standards vide Notification No. 44 dated 24.11.2000. This condition was imposed as the domestic producers are already under obligation to comply with these Standards. The quality standards is enforced on national treatment basis and, therefore there is no question of either deletion of these items or issue of import licences for grounds, which are not as per the specified quality standards.